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In re Application of:

Biard et al.

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Docket No: H0005285(1139.1156101)

DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c), filed April 25, 2005, to make the above-identified application special.

Petitioner requests that the above-identified application be made special under the accelerated examination procedure set forth in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (M.P.E.P.) § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age.

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102, and in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV, must include evidence showing that the applicant is sixty five (65) years of age or more. No fee is required for this petition.

The petition includes a declaration from the inventor, James R. Biard, stating that he is sixty-five (65) years of age or more.

Accordingly, the petition is GRANTED.

After allowance, this application will be given priority for printing. See M.P.E.P. § 1309.

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